

REMARKS

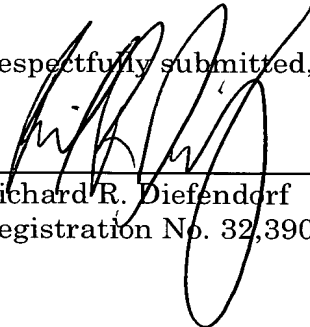
The abstract is amended following consideration of the comments provided by the Examiner in section 1 on page 2 of the Office Action and should now be acceptable.

A terminal disclaimer as referred to by the Examiner in section 3 on pages 2-3 of the Office Action is being filed together with this Reply. It follows, therefore, that the rejection of claims 1-18 set forth in section 4 on page 3 of the Office Action is overcome, and that this application is now in allowable condition.

If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056205.51565C2).

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